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# The Office of Enteries or Publique Register at the *Fountain* in King-street, Westminster.



He Promoter whereof, having (through divine Providence) obtained information, from a Gentleman of Quality much conversant in Forreign Nations, of the great benefits and advantages that he hath in his Travels observed accruing unto many Cities and places in other Countries, as *Paris, Amsterdam, &c.* by their publique Registeries and Enteries; and finding, upon serious examination, that this undertaking will much conduce unto the good of these Cities and the whole Common-weal, being invited by that general encouragement obtained under the present, the best of Governments, wherein the meanest worth and industry is left free to be improved for the service of this Republique, hath published the ensuing particulars; in the managing whereof he humbly prays his poor Endeavors may be successful, and himself serviceable to his Native Country.

*Χρηστές ἀνὴρ ἐστὶ κοινὸν ἀγαθόν.*

*Vir bonus est, Commune bonum.*

First, Whereas many men are brought to extream exigencies, occasioned principally through want of employment in those Callings or Faculties they have been educated and brought up in, especially since these late times of Distraction both at home and abroad in *Ireland*, in both which many thousands have been ejected and exiled from their habitations by blood-thirsty Rebels, and tyrannical Usurpers, who no doubt (as many as are capable of service) would gladly embrace any honest employment to preserve themselves from lewd and unpleasing Actions, if they could have gained information where, or to whom, they might repaire for entertainment: Which desired happiness of living in a Calling, all sorts and degrees of men, of what serviceable profession soever, may for the future easily and speedily obtain, and many and great inconveniencies will be prevented and avoyded, if Noblemen, Gentlemen, Lawyers, Merchants, and Masters of all Degrees and Callings, would be pleased to make known their readiness to entertain such servants as occasionally they shall stand in need of, and how speedily might they be furnished at this place, where many Gentlemen qualified, as Chaplains, Tutors of Youth, Professors of Sciences, Teachers of Languages, Secretaries, Stewards, Factors, Clerks, and Servants of all degrees whatsoever, have already given in their names for employment, and many have obtained their desires.

Where Gentlemen desirous to travel, may hear of Servants that can speak Forreign Languages.

Where Merchants and Planters, if they please to send in their names and their intended voyages, they may be informed of such as are desirous to serve in the Western Islands, or other transmarine parts, and also many that have occasion to be transported into other Countries.

Where also, if those that are desirous to take Youth to Apprentices, and those that would place forth their Children unto Trades and Callings, would give in their names, and the conditions they shall require on both sides, they might with speedy conveniency confer with each other; the benefit whereof hath been by many already obtained and acknowledged.

And that I may not seem injurious unto that other Sex, who may justly challenge an interest (*in Bono Communi*) in this impartial and general service, for their satisfaction herein, if any Ladies or Gentlewomen of quality please to entertain young Gentlewomen, civilly and ingenuously educated, or if they want Nurses, or any Servants capable of other employments; And also all Mistresses, of what degree soever, please to give notice of their desires, may speedily be informed of such Maid-servants as they shall desire to entertain: Many Gentlewomen qualified as aforesaid, Nurses, and Maid-servants, of several degrees, having already given in their Names.

And if all Colonels and Captains, that shall raise any Regiments, or Companies, in any places distant from this City, for the Service of the State, please to send in notice of the several places whereto those that are desirous to serve may repair for entertainment, it is conceived it would much expedite the compleating of their several Companies; many having repaired hither for such information.

Secondly, Whereas many Officers and Souldiers having Debenters for their Arrears stated by the Committee of the Army, and by the Commissioners of several Counties; Others that have Bills due upon the Publique Faith, for Horses, Moneys and Plate, voluntary lent for the Service of the Parliament; and being desirous, for the better managing of their present occasions, to sell the said Debenters and Bills, have for that purpose entered the said Debenters and Bills in this place, where any that are disposed to purchase Dean and Chapters Lands, upon the priviledg of Doubling, or otherwise the late Kings Lands, may, if they please to deal for them, be furnished with what sums they shall require.

Thirdly, Whereas many Gentlemen and others that are desirous to sell, set, let or mortgage Lands, Houses, Leases, Annuities, Reversions, Leases or Annuities for Lives, and the like, in or about these Cities, or in any Counties more remote, or whatsoever parts of this Commonwealth; and others as willing to rent, purchase or take by Lease, or to mortgage the said, or like unto the Premises, and having made their several Enteries of the particulars they would buy or sell, have had and obtained speedy conference with each other, which speedy accommodation all that are concerned in the like nature, if they please to give notice of their desires, may for the future speedily obtain.

Fourthly, Whereas many distressed House-keepers and Masters of Families, in these late times of scarcity and decay of Trading, have been and still are often necessitated to part with and sell their Household-goods, for the satisfying of Rents, and the preserving of themselves and Families from perishing, and have not as yet, for the major part of them, known how to avoyd the *Sylla* and *Charydis*, Salesman and the Broker, in the vending or putting them off, both whose gains & subsistence is for the most part extorted out of the Poors *ultimum*, their last refuge in necessity. And whereas there are Praisors appointed, who by their Oath are bound to value and rate Goods attached, or Goods of Orphans, so that the said Goods may be sold to the best advantage of those that are interessed in them, who do notwithstanding, many of them, make, as it were, a Monopoly of the said Goods, by giving their Agents immediate notice of the sale of them, with whom they have an under-hand correspondency in sharing in all their Contracts (an abuse so contrary to their first intrust, and so prejudicial to all concerned) that in duty to the Publique Good I could not but discover it: Now if all parties, any ways necessitated to part with any their Goods whatsoever, please to make known the particulars they would put off, at this place they may be informed of those New-beginners, or Masters of Families, that have and will give in their names for the buying of such goods for their own private use, by which means (if rightly apprehended) both the buyer and the seller may be sensible of a great benefit not yet generally known.

Fifthly, Whereas those that have been or any ways are constrained to pawn, or lay to gage for present moneys, Jewels, Plate, Goods, &c. are generally exacted upon six pence monethly, for the loan or use of each twenty shillings so taken up, an extortion exceeding 32 l. per Cent. (*proh hominum fidem!*) Now if any Gentlemen disposed to part with moneys upon such or the like visible or other usual good securities, and for more reasonable and Christian-like satisfaction, if they please to give notice as above, they may hear of such as will gladly embrace their favors, and gratefully recompence their courtesies.

Sixthly, All Masters and Professors of liberal Sciences and curious Arts whatsoever, and Teachers of Languages, if they please to give in their names and places of residence, shall be made known unto all Gentlemen, and whomsoever their occasions shall invite to repair hither for such information.

Seventhly, If any have occasion to make use of Foot-Posts into any parts of this Commonwealth, or into *Ireland*, they may be informed of such as will undertake faithfully to perform the trust reposed in them.

Eighthly, Whereas many Ministers and School-masters have, in this Infancy of Reformation, been, by the due execution of Civil Justice, most deservedly removed, for their scandalous life and seditious Doctrines, from their several employments; by which means many parts and places are destitute of one or both: It is conceived by the Undertaker hereof, that (if it shall please any Parishoners, thus destitute, to make known their desires of entertaining such as shall appear well gifted and affected unto the present Government) it will not in the least degree be offensive unto any that are Friends to this Republique, if the said Parishoners shall from hence receive information of those that are qualified as aforesaid, who have or shall give in their names.